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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Jeffrey S. Smith
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	:	Art Unit: 2635
Application No.: 10/677,377	)	
	:	Conf. No.: 9735
Filed: October 3, 2003	)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS	)	
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,	:	
PROGRAM, AND RECORDING	)	
MEDIUM	:	December 12, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated November 28, 2006, imposing a restriction requirement in the above-identified case.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group II, Claims 13-26, for continued prosecution on the merits.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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